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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA
SUBJECT : C-118 Pilots

1. This is to report that we now have 2 fully cleared C-118 pilots. These individuals were requisitioned on the premise that we would be receiving the C-118. On this date, this may or may not be the case. However, it appears that, in the interest of maintaining an efficient airlift capability, these 2 pilots should be entered on duty on an asap basis. The premise upon which our feelings are based includes not only the need for an airlift capability to support the program, but also the high cost of transporting material because we do not have this capability.

2. It is recognized that we may well suffer a reduction in our prospective T/O increase; however, present arrangements find us obtaining full ground maintenance from Andrews AFB on the present Headquarters C-54's. It is understood that like support would be furnished for the C-118. At present, in support of the C-54 airlift program, we have:

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25X1A 1. One full-time pilot, [redacted] who is presently grounded;

25X1A 2. The second pilot is supported by Headquarters personnel on a when-available basis (either by Lt. [redacted] or SOD/PB); and

3. Three Flight Engineers, who exist on our T/O and who are stationed at Andrews AFB. We are presently taking action to assure that these 3 engineers are upgraded to C-118 status.

It is understood that either on the C-54 or on the C-118 the flight crew should include 1 pilot, 1 co-pilot and 2 engineers. The extra engineer is primarily used for cargo loading.

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3. Since delivery of the C-118 is still questionable, we should like your advice and/or concurrence as to the advisability of entering on duty the 2 C-118 pilot nominees with the thought that, in addition to their pilot duties, they may be used by D/PA as Air Ops Officers. The needed airlift capability does not exist if we must resort to calling upon the services of SOD/PB or Headquarter's personnel for pilot duties.

4. Your earliest reaction would be appreciated since we must, at this time, determine whether we do or do not hold the C-118 pilots. We are advised that even though delivery of the C-118 may be deferred, these pilots are presently needed to provide us with the desired C-54 capability.

Chief, Personnel Branch
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CONCUR:

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Deputy for Field Activities

27 June 63
Date

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Chief, Programs Staff

Date

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Chief, Support Division

1 July 63
Date

Recommendation to enter 2 C-118
pilots on our T/O APPROVED:

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford
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